

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ANDIN INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Plaintiff,

v.

YURMAN STUDIO, INC.,

Defendant.  
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**COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT  
OF NON-COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT**

Plaintiff Andin International, Inc. (hereinafter "Andin"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, for its Complaint against Defendant Yurman Studio, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendant Yurman"), alleges as follows:

1. This declaratory judgment action arises under the copyright laws of the United States, 17 U.S.C. § 101, et seq. and seeks a declaration that Andin has not infringed upon any claimed copyright rights of Defendant Yurman in its Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.
2. This is also an action under New York State Common Law for tortious interference with contractual relations.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

3. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338 with respect to the claims arising under the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. §101, et seq. and pursuant to the Declaratory Judgment Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2201, et seq. Jurisdiction over the New York State Common Law claim is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367.
4. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b) and (c)

because this is an action brought pursuant to the Copyright Act, because Defendant Yurman resides and/or conducts business in this judicial district, and because a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims occurred in this district.

**PARTIES AND FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS**

5. Andin is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, located and doing business at 609 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10014.

6. Andin designs, manufactures, markets and distributes in the United States a wide variety of jewelry items, from rings to necklaces to pendants. Andin employs an in-house design team to create its jewelry designs, and it is a major marketer of jewelry in this country.

7. Defendant Yurman is a New York corporation that, upon information and belief, has an office in New York City, is doing business in this district, transacts business within this district, derives revenue from intrastate and interstate commerce, and Defendant Yurman is otherwise within the jurisdiction of this Court.

8. David Yurman is the chief executive officer of Defendant Yurman.

9. In early 2007, Andin created a pave ring (the “Andin Ring”), an image of which is attached as Exhibit A, that was inspired by a ring, an image of which is attached as Exhibit B, which was in Andin’s possession. This prior ring was in the marketplace as early as October 2006 and was marketed by a company known as Vardi Gem Lustre LLC.

10. The ring used by Andin as inspiration had a North/South orientation of the rectangular band that surrounded the pave field on the ring when worn on a wearer’s finger (the “North/South Ring”).

11. On information and belief, Yurman was aware that the North/South Ring was in the marketplace and took no legal action with respect thereto.

12. The Andin Ring was shown to customers and presented to the marketplace at the Las Vegas JCK Show in June 2007.

13. Subsequently, due to customers' requests, and utilizing the design of the Andin Ring, Andin created a pendant (the "Andin Pendant"), an image of which is attached as Exhibit C, and a pair of earrings (the "Andin Earrings"), an image of which is attached as Exhibit D.

14. On or about January 16, 2008, Andin received notice that cease and desist letters from attorneys for Defendant Yurman had previously been sent to Sam's Club/Wal-Mart, Andin's customer, alleging that the Andin Ring, as well as the Andin Pendant and the Andin Earrings, infringed Defendant Yurman's purported copyright rights in its Copyright Registration No. VA1-024-276, issued August 21, 2000, entitled Pave Collection Enhancer D06384. A copy of Copyright Registration No. VA1-024-276 is attached as Exhibit E.

15. The letters from Defendant Yurman's attorneys further demanded that Sam's Club/Wal-Mart immediately cease and desist all marketing and sales of the allegedly infringing Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings. After receiving these letters, Sam's Club/Wal-Mart took the Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings off sale.

16. Sam's Club/Wal-Mart was and is fully indemnified by Andin with respect to its sales of the Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings. Notwithstanding this full indemnity, Sam's Club/Wal-Mart continues to hold the Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings off sale.

17. On January 23, 2008 David Yurman called Ofer Azrielant, chairman of Andin, and complained that the Andin Pendant and the Andin Earrings infringed Defendant Yurman's alleged rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384. When the conversation turned to the Andin Ring, Mr. Yurman indicated that he did not have an issue with the Andin Ring and stated that the Andin Ring had been included in the cease and desist letters because of an error by Defendant Yurman's in-house counsel. Subsequently, however, counsel for Defendant Yurman maintained the position that the Andin Ring infringed Defendant Yurman's alleged rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

**COUNT I**

**DECLARATION THAT THE ANDIN RING DOES NOT INFRINGE DEFENDANT**

**YURMAN'S PURPORTED COPYRIGHT RIGHTS IN ITS PAVE COLLECTION**

**ENHANCER D06384**

18. Andin repeats and realleges each allegation in paragraphs 1 through 17 as if set forth in full herein.

19. Andin has sold and intends to continue to sell the Andin Ring to the jewelry trade.

20. Defendant Yurman, through its counsel, has asserted that the Andin Ring infringes its alleged copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

21. Sam's Club/Wal-Mart has informed Andin that in view of Defendant Yurman's demand, it has taken the Andin Ring off sale.

22. Andin believes and alleges that its Andin Ring does not infringe any valid copyright rights of Defendant Yurman in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

23. Andin believes and alleges that the Andin Ring was created independently of Defendant Yurman's Pave Collection Enhancer D06384 and rather was inspired by the North/South Ring, which was already in the marketplace.

24. Andin believes and alleges that it had no access to Defendant Yurman's Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

25. Andin believes and alleges that the Andin Ring has not been copied from and is not substantially similar to Defendant Yurman's Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

26. The holding off sale by Sam's Club/Wal-Mart of the Andin Ring will cause and has caused significant financial damage to Andin.

27. Andin's reputation for the sale of legitimate non-infringing jewelry products has been and will be substantially harmed by Defendant Yurman's claims of copyright infringement.

28. In view of the foregoing, there has been and now is an actual controversy between Andin and Defendant Yurman regarding the non-infringement of Defendant Yurman's purported copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

## COUNT II

### DECLARATION THAT THE ANDIN PENDANT AND ANDIN EARRINGS DO NOT INFRINGE DEFENDANT YURMAN'S PURPORTED COPYRIGHT RIGHTS IN ITS

#### PAVE COLLECTION ENHANCER D06384

29. Andin repeats and realleges each allegation in paragraphs 1 through 28 as if set forth in full herein.

30. Andin has sold and intends to continue to sell the Andin Pendant and

Andin Earrings to the jewelry trade.

31. Defendant Yurman, through its counsel, has asserted that the Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings infringe its alleged copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

32. Sam's Club/Wal-Mart has informed Andin that in view of Defendant Yurman's demands, it has taken the Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings off sale.

33. Andin believes and alleges that the Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings, which were modeled on the Andin Ring, do not infringe Defendant Yurman's alleged copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

34. Andin believes and alleges that the Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings were created independently of Defendant Yurman's Pave Collection Enhancer D06384 and were modeled on the Andin Ring.

35. Andin believes and alleges that it had no access to Defendant Yurman's Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

36. Andin believes and alleges that the Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings have not been copied from and are not substantially similar to Defendant Yurman's Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

37. The holding off sale by Sam's Club/Wal-Mart of the Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings will cause and has caused financial damage to Andin.

38. Andin's reputation for the sale of legitimate non-infringing jewelry products has been and will be substantially harmed by Defendant Yurman's claims of copyright infringement.

39. In view of the foregoing, there has been and now is an actual controversy between Andin and Defendant Yurman regarding the non-infringement of Defendant Yurman's purported copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

**COUNT III**

**TORTIOUS INTERFERENCE WITH CONTRACTUAL RELATIONS**

40. Andin repeats and realleges each allegation in paragraphs 1 through 39 as if set forth in full herein.

41. This count for tortious interference with contractual relations is brought under the common law of the State of New York.

42. Sam's Club/Wal-Mart is a customer of Andin for the Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings pursuant to various contracts, and contractual relationships exist between Andin and Sam's Club/Wal-Mart with respect to the Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings.

43. As noted, Sam's Club/Wal-Mart has placed its inventory of the Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings off sale, due its receipt of the cease and desist letters referred to in paragraph 14 hereof. This was Defendant Yurman's intention.

44. As a result of the aforementioned notice letters, Sam's Club/Wal-Mart is now declining and may in the future decline to sell the Andin Ring, Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings to the public.

45. Defendant Yurman knew or should have known of the contractual relationship between Sam's Club/Wal-Mart and Andin.

46. Defendant Yurman knew or should have known that the Andin Ring,



Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings, as being sold by Sam's Club/Wal-Mart, did not infringe any of Defendant Yurman's alleged copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384.

47. As stated in paragraph 17 hereof, David Yurman of Defendant Yurman informed Ofer Azrielant of Andin that the Andin Ring was not a subject of the present controversy. Notwithstanding this position, Defendant Yurman refused to communicate this position regarding the Andin Ring to Sam's Club/Wal-Mart.

48. Based upon the foregoing, Defendant Yurman wrongfully interfered with contractual relationships between Andin and Sam's Club/Wal-Mart to Andin's substantial detriment.

49. Andin has suffered substantial financial harm and loss of reputation from Defendant Yurman's activities, in an amount not yet specifically determined.

WHEREFORE, Andin prays for a judgment against Defendant Yurman as follows:

A. For judgment declaring that Defendant Yurman's copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384 are not infringed by the Andin Ring sold by Andin;

B. For judgment declaring that Defendant Yurman's copyright rights in the Pave Collection Enhancer D06384 are not infringed by the Andin Pendant and Andin Earrings sold by Andin;

C. Awarding Andin its damages from Defendant Yurman's wrongful acts in view of Defendant Yurman's tortious interference with Andin's contractual relationship with its customers;

D. Awarding Andin its costs, expenses and reasonable attorney fees as



permitted by law; and

E. Awarding Andin such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York  
February 5, 2008

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## EXHIBIT A



## EXHIBIT B



## EXHIBIT C





## EXHIBIT D



## EXHIBIT E

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## CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION



OFFICIAL SEAL

This Certificate issued under the seal of the Copyright Office in accordance with title 17, United States Code, attests that registration has been made for the work identified below. The information on this certificate has been made a part of the Copyright Office records.

**FORM VA**  
For a Work of the Visual Arts  
UNITED STATES COPYRIGHT OFFICE

VA 1-024-276



EFFECTIVE DATE OF REGISTRATION

*Marybeth Peters*  
Aug 21 2000  
Month Day Year

REGISTER OF COPYRIGHTS

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TITLE OF THIS WORK

Pave Collection Enhancer D06324

NATURE OF THIS WORK See Instructions

Jewelry Design

PREVIOUS OR ALTERNATIVE TITLES

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Under the law, the "author" of a "work made for hire" is generally the employer, not the employee (see Instructions). For any part of this work that was "made for hire" check "Yes" in the space provided, give the employer (or other person for whom the work was prepared) as "Author" of that part, and leave the space for date of birth and death blank.

NAME OF AUTHOR

David Yurman

DATES OF BIRTH AND DEATH

Year Born

Year Died

1942

Was this contribution to the work a "work made for hire"?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

Author's Nationality or Domestic Name of Country

☒ Citizen of U.S.A.  
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Year in Which Creation of This Work Was Completed  
1997

Date and Nation of First Publication of This Particular Work  
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Yurman Design Inc.  
30. Madison Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

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Fax number (212) 593-1597

**CERTIFICATION** I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the

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- ☐ author
- ☐ other copyright claimant
- ☐ owner of exclusive right(s)
- ☐ authorized agent of Yurman Design Inc.

of the work identified in this application and that the statements made by me in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Joseph Ramirez

Date July 28, 2000

Handwritten signature (X) [Signature]

Certificate will be mailed in window envelope to this address.

Name Yurman Design Inc. / Joseph Ramirez

Address

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New York, NY 10022

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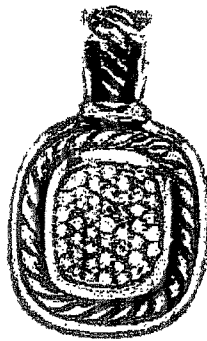
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